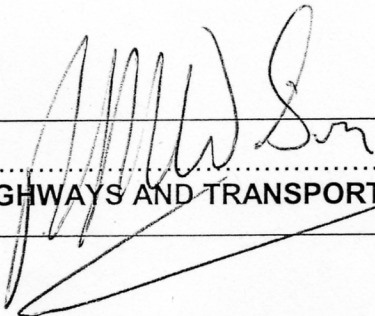


WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION

CABINET MEMBER (HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION)

ITEM:	CAR PARKING CHARGES
Date of Decision:	9th October, 2003
Exempt:	No.
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because	It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards
The item was included in the Forward Plan	Yes
Purpose:	To agree revised charges for car parks across the county in accordance with the countywide parking strategy
Decision:	<p>THAT (a) Car park charges be set as per the schedule at appendix 1</p> <p>(b) Free parking be provided in Hereford after 4pm on Wednesdays before Christmas, starting from the date of the switch on of the Christmas lights in mid November.</p> <p>(c) Car parks in Ross-on-Wye be free after 12 noon between 19th and 24th December inclusive.</p> <p>(d) Agreement be entered into with the Military Club in Friar Street, Hereford for their carpark to be operated as a public carpark with charges as shown in appendix 1</p> <p>(e) All car parks other than those accepting commercial vehicles or coaches be subject to a 7.5tonne gw limit</p> <p>(f) The charge for residents parking permits in Ross-on-Wye and Bromyard be set at £15</p> <p>(g) The charge for residents parking permits in Hereford zone 1 be set at £25</p> <p>and</p> <p>(h) The car park order for Ledbury car parks be revised to require display of a "clock" by disabled users, with free parking for disabled</p>

	users limited to 3 hours in those car parks for which charges apply..
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>The countywide parking strategy requires an annual review of charges and sets the parameters for that review.</p> <p>Changes are required to the Ledbury car park order to bring it into line with other car parks in the county and to ensure the other terms of the order are enforceable.</p> <p>A clear definition of Christmas concessions is needed.</p>
Options Considered:	<p>There is any number of alternative ways of arranging charges, the principal one being to make no changes. This would, however, fail to meet financial targets.</p> <p>Some specific variations which the Cabinet Member has considered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide no free Christmas parking in Ross-on-Wye. • Provide no free Christmas parking in Hereford. • Impose larger increases to allow greater funding of community transport. • Apply a larger part of the increased revenue to Community transport, accepting a shorter time before further increases in charges are required.
Declaration of Interest:	NONE
Date the key decision is due to take effect:	15th October, 2003



 R M WILSON:..... Date: 9 Oct 03

 CABINET MEMBER (HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION)

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of Environment Scrutiny Committee:	
Subject to Call-in:	
If yes was the decision modified?	
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	
Date original decision took effect:	